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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of Juan Manuel Giambruno Marono

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For: Orthotopic Total Artificial Heart

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Snow, Bruce Edward

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: